

***Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:***

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1.(Amended)      A hybrid pipette comprising:

                         a pipette casing;

                         a slide shaft vertically movable in response to an operation of

a pushbutton;

                         a plunger disposed below said slide shaft;

                         a spring for urging said plunger upwardly; and

                         an electric motor operatively engaged with said plunger;

                         wherein, in a manual operation mode, said slide shaft and

plunger move vertically in response to the operation of said pushbutton to perform suction

and discharge of a liquid; and

                         wherein, in a motor-driven operation mode, said plunger is

moved vertically to perform suction and discharge of a liquid.

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**Kindly add the following new claims:**

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34.(New) A hybrid pipette according to claim 12, wherein said electric motor is a direct-current motor, said direct-current motor being provided with a brake mechanism.

Cv 35.(New) A hybrid pipette according to claim 12, wherein said electric motor is a pulse motor.

36.(New) A hybrid pipette according to claim 12, further comprising:  
a battery for driving said electric motor.

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